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Introducing Patrick Brose – storyteller, bard, musician, teacher, and . . . Camptonville School's New Superintendent/Principal

By Patrick Brose

Begin at the beginning and go on till you come to the end; then stop.

– Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland



The beginning feels like such a long time ago. If you count all of my years as a student, I have been in schools as a student, teacher or administrator for 35 consecutive years. The short version goes like this: I grew up in Grass Valley, moved to Sacramento to attend college, met my wife Amber, moved to the Bay Area for graduate school, became a teacher, then a father (Corbin 11 years old and Scarlett 5 years old), then an administrator, and finally moved back to Grass Valley almost 2 years ago.

But this hardly describes all of the things that led me to Camptonville. I spent my teaching years in large, struggling schools in the Bay Area where I was challenged daily to find the good in all situations. After 10 years of teaching, I was recruited to be an administrator. I spent three years as a middle and high school Dean of Students and the past three years as an elementary and middle school Principal.

My path has taken many turns, often unexpected (ask how I met my wife!), but every turn has led me to something amazing and exciting. As Anna says in *Frozen* “The only thing to do is the next right thing.” I truly believe that Camptonville is the right place for me, and I can’t wait for the year to begin.

I am a storyteller, a bard, a musician, and a teacher. I love talking to people and getting to know them, learning about their lives and their experiences; I believe we all can live our best lives by learning from each other, and I love to learn.

As the summer winds down and we come back to school for the fall, you and I will get to know each other a little better. We will be able to sit down, spin a tale, and share our life stories. I came to Camptonville so that I could lead a school where I will get to know every person in the school community and grow with the community. I live by this motto: *The only measure of your success is if you leave this world a little better than when you got here.* This is going to be an amazing year!



Photo by Patrick Brose



Photo by Shirley DickKard

Plans for Starting School

By Shirley DickKard

Patrick Brose plans to hit the ground running when **school starts August 12th**. In meeting with him recently, I was impressed by his down-to-earth friendliness, his administrative competence, and his love of music. Hold on Camptonville – the hills and halls may soon be alive with the sound of music!

On a practical note, his plans for a traditional start to school are based on recent surveys of school families and guidelines from the Yuba County Health Department. As of July 20th, barring changes due to the COVID pandemic, plans are to have the 50 students disbursed into small-size class spaces with all health guidelines adhered to. There will also be an optional distance learning program.

The community can meet Patrick on **Saturday, August 1st**, at the first Gardeners’ Market and Coffee @ the Center, 10 am–Noon at the Community Center. Come by and say “Hi!”

From the Editor: Local Blogs

– Shirley DicKard

With all this “sheltering in place,” I’m discovering the wealth of local bloggers who share their insights, art, and knowledge of our watershed’s natural world and history.



A while back, I put out a call for local blogs so I could share them with the community. If you have others to add, please contact me at: camptonvillecourier@gmail.com. You can follow any of them by clicking on their links below and signing up to receive email blog posts. Enjoy!

- **Hank Meals: Yuba Tales and Trails.**

<http://yubatreadhead.blogspot.com/>. Hank shares information, stories, and discoveries about the topography, natural history, and culture of the Yuba River basin in the Sierra Nevada. June 29th, 2020 Blog: “A Brief Look at some of 19th Century Black Pioneers in Yuba-Bear River Country.”

- **Diane Pendola/Skyline Harvest Eco-Contemplative Center:**

Earthlines. <https://skylineharvest.org/our-work/earthlines-online-journal/>. At the solstices and equinoxes, Diane shares reflections from the wooded foothills of the Sierra Nevada. In this small way, she opens the “lines” of communication between the human and the natural world. 2020 Summer Solstice Blog: “Pause.”

- **Katie O’Hara-Kelly: North Yuba Naturalist.**

Northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com. Katie is a naturalist who decided to focus her current natural history studies on her own neighborhood to learn more about the common plants, wildlife, and the ecosystem that is right here. July 19th, 2020 Blog: “It’s Summer!”

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Be a Poll Worker!

By Jesse Golden



Can you be a poll worker, or do you know someone who could? In California, pay for poll workers is \$85-100 for training plus working election day, and people as young as 16 can be poll workers. For Yuba County information: www.yuba.org/departments/elections/be_a_poll_worker.php.

Poll workers are vital for democratic elections. With COVID-19 on the rise, many older and medically vulnerable folks who have served as poll workers in the past may not return, and shortages of poll workers will lead to closures of voting locations.

We’ve already seen elections this year in which people waited for hours to vote, and many gave up.

There are two ways to prevent this:

- Become or recruit a poll worker
- Apply for a mail-in ballot and encourage others to do the same. In California we’re fortunate that every voter will receive a mail-in ballot for the November election, and you can choose to permanently vote by mail – just search “California vote by mail” and look for the link to “Other Elections.”

Will everyone choose to vote by mail in California? Probably not, so we still need poll workers. This is an easy (and paid!) way to help make democracy work.

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During the COVID-19 Pandemic Slowly Opening with Precautions!



Help Needed as the Center Opens

By Christina Ledson, CCCA

We have finally begun the steps to reopen the Center!

Even though events are limited to the backyard, it is still nice to see the building back in use.

We are looking to hire someone to clean the building weekly. If you are interested in this paid position, please call 288-5016 or email: cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com. We also need help with mowing and/or weedeating the backyard. In the past this has been done by volunteers. If you are able to help, please let us know.

While we are excited to get things going again, we are following state and county guidelines. Face coverings and social distancing are required while at the Community Center. We appreciate your cooperation.

Uncertainties! What do we know?

By Christina Dondono, 1, 2, 3 Grow

We are all full of questions leading up to the beginning of the long-awaited school year. Let me just start with "what we do know." As it sits today (July 20th), Camptonville School will begin in-class instruction on August 12th. 1, 2, 3 Grow usually starts a week later: **August 20th**. When we open, our instructors will be Christina Dondono and Cara Olson. We hope to hire an additional instructor soon.

At the start of each day, we ask that parents walk down to 1, 2, 3 Grow and *not* the school office. There, we will do a temperature screening prior to entering the classroom. 1, 2, 3 Grow is a free, parent participation, early childhood enrichment and kindergarten readiness program, but this year, with COVID-19, we will be limiting the number of people in the room. Our priority will be our young learners. We will work with parents/caregivers to schedule the time and days they can assist in the class. When parents are not in the actual class, we have opportunities for other types of much needed involvement such as garden work, parent education, enrichment, snack prep, and more. Parents can always bring a book or their phone/laptop and use CCP's Wi-Fi.

We are developing the 2020-21 1, 2, 3 Grow class roster. This means getting our annual registration forms filled out to give us an idea of how many families are planning to participate. Even if you were registered last year, we'd like you to please contact us as soon as possible at 288-9355 or email me at: christina@theccp.org for registration and with any questions you may have. We'll be reaching out with information as soon as we know more. We wish we had all the answers, but for now, only time will tell.



Gardeners' Market Starts August 1st

By Christina Ledson

Well it's that time of year again: the Camptonville Gardeners' Market will begin on **Saturday, August 1st** and take place every Saturday in August and September starting at 10 am and wrapping up around 12 pm. It will still be out back at the Camptonville Community Center. Mick and Cecilia will be running the show once again. They did such a fabulous job last year!

Due to the pandemic, there will be certain restrictions. You are required to wear a mask, and please maintain social distancing.

We are always looking for new local artisans and gardeners to participate. If you have items to sell but cannot be there, you can drop them off and we will sell them for you. The cost to sell is 10% of your total sales, which goes to local non-profits. If you are interested in participating in this year's market and have questions, please feel free to email or call me, Christina at 288-3655 or christinaledson@gmail.com. You do not need to be there every week.



Coffee @ the Center: We are looking forward to another great year with Coffee continuing on **Saturday mornings, also from 10 am-12 pm**. It's a great place to catch up with your neighbors and get some fresh veggies. See you all soon!



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It Takes a Village (and a Miracle) to Find a Lost Dog!

By Linda Rose and Phil Sipes

Emma, a small 10 lb mixed breed terrier, is a survivor! After missing for weeks, Emma appeared on our property alive, but terrified and starving. Here is our story, although her story would be more detailed about her miraculous survival, if only she could talk!

On June 18th, Emma and her family were enjoying an outing at Oregon Creek. As they were leaving, a large, unleashed dog charged at Emma. Attempting to flee, Emma pulled on her leash causing her 77 year old owner, Donna, to fall. While Donna's companions were assisting her, terrified Emma slipped out of her collar and escaped.

Unbeknownst to us, the search was on. Despite pandemic fears, the community pulled together to try to find Emma. Some formed a search team combing the Oregon Creek area. Others left food where she was last seen, pledged reward money for her capture, or hung reward posters. Facebook posts were mounting with sightings of her running along Highway 49 to and from the North San Juan area. Days went by, another week, nothing. Worry mounted.

One evening in late June, Phil heard a dog barking. I had also heard barking on another early morning. Days later as Phil and I sat on our patio (about three miles from Oregon Creek on Moonshine Road), we saw movement on the back knoll. It was a little tan dog sniffing around the pan of water left out for wild life! We spoke to her. She dashed off. On July 4th, she was back, appearing a few feet from us. Our cat chased her back up the knoll, where she disappeared again.

The next day, I saw her nibbling bird seed on the ground. She took off again. I asked our neighbor, Rochelle, if she had seen the dog on her property. Rochelle mentioned the Facebook page about the missing dog, Emma, posted by Susanne Grace, an administrator of the FB group, Grass Valley Peeps. I contacted Susanne telling her we had sighted a dog resembling Emma several times over the past week on our property. Almost immediately a trapper contacted me, then arrived the next morning, set a baited trap, and waited several hours in hopes Emma would be trapped. Later, other trappers from the Sacramento area placed three large baited traps armed with very sophisticated cameras. After monitoring the cameras long-distance all night, a trapper called me at 5:30 am on July 7th, letting me know Emma had entered the trap at 5:00 am and they were on their way! I was asked to secure the cage. Overjoyed, I stayed with Emma, talking and comforting her until they arrived.

After being lost for 19 days and surviving unimaginable perils, Emma was taken to a veterinarian to be examined and treated, then reunited with her "Mommy." You can see the video of the emotional reunion on the Grass Valley Peeps FB group postings.

Yes, it does take a village.....

NOTE: The trappers accepted no part of the reward; nor did we.



After 19 days, Emma was found and reunited with her human!



Photos submitted by Linda Rose



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Fire Season: Time to Take Action!

By Beverly Cameron-Fildes, YWP&FSC Education/Outreach Committee

The New York Times 2017 fiction best-seller, *Little Fires Everywhere*, while definitely a good read, also reminds me that the foothills have already seen its fair share of "little fires EVERYWHERE"...and we still have a long fire season to go.

If I'm scaring you, you're not alone. We are all worried. Based on the fire incidences this late spring/early summer, it's easy to become paralyzed at the possibility of fires. I encourage you all to "bust out" of that state and get as proactive as you can. It is never too late to do something.

Here are some "somethings" you can continue to do:

1. Continue to clear all debris accumulated in and around structures – especially the 0-5 ft zone which is the most critical buffer between you and ignition. While you may have done your due diligence in the spring, there still may be vegetation/debris that gets deposited in that zone due to wind or drying out of plant material. Keep your eyes open. Porch items, such as furniture, mats, and even a broom left by the door, can be the spot where an ember or two find purchase.

2. Check landscape and hardscape in the Immediate Zone, 5 to 30 ft from the furthest exterior point of the house. I recently noticed that a plant I thought was all green was harboring a great deal of dead, flammable material under the green "canopy." Due to its proximity to the deck, we will remove the entire bush top. It will grow back, but for now, it's got to go. Water plants, trees, and lawns to keep them from becoming dry.



Photos by YWP&FSC



This lovely bush looks lush and green, but lurking beneath is dry and dead fuel that can be a real ember grabber. Be sure to remove this hazard particularly in the 0-30 ft zones.

3. Double check and update your "Go Bag." Be sure that your radio/flashlights have fresh batteries and that portable electronic chargers are charged.

4. If you have neighbors in close proximity, talk to them and work together to be sure that your properties are ready, that you have contact numbers to check on each other in an emergency, and design a plan for your neighborhood evacuation. Two heads are generally better than one.

Defensible Space grant applications are available at the Camptonville Community Partnership website. Read more on this page. 'Til next time, be fire safe!



Elk Fire, East Fork of the Bitterroot National Forrest
Photo by John McColgan, Fire Behavior Analyst, August 6, 2000

Get your "No Spark" Tow Chain Covers!

Beverly Cameron-Fildes, YWP&FSC

Tow chains, no matter how carefully connected, can come undone and create sparks that can ignite dry grasses along roadsides.



We've already had a couple of roadside fires as a result of dragging chains. A great protective measure is to use the locally-produced "No Spark" tow chain covers (made from recycled fire hose) available in a number of foothill locations, including the Lost Nugget Market and Camptonville Fire Station. If you are able, a small donation would be appreciated as 100% of the donations go to help the five local foothill volunteer fire stations.

– A public service of the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council

FREE Defensible Space Assistance is Back!

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP

Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) and Yuba Fire Safe Council are happy to announce that once again we have partnered with PG&E for another round of our Defensible Space Clearance Program – available now through November 2020.

The program helps low income elderly or disabled homeowners achieve defensible space around their homes, at no cost to the homeowner. It includes a one day cleanup of brush and woody fuels to reduce fire danger immediately around the home and to make your home easier for firefighters to defend. This program does not include large tree removal.

If you or someone you know qualifies in any of the categories and wants to get their property prepared for the fire season, call Cara at the Resource Center at 288-9355 or email, cara@theccp.org. You can also find the information and an application online at www.yubafiresafe.org. This program is first come, first served and available to Yuba County foothill residences. So call today and get yourself on the list!



The Diggins Are Alive! Art Show

By Molly Jochem, North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center

An art show examining Malakoff State Park and the surrounding Diggins is on display at the North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center through August with limited open hours or by appointment, and online.

The ageless trill of birdsong, creaking timbers of a collapsing mine shack, sun-soaked strata of an ancient river — these are layers worth listening to. With ears and eyes open to stories and cycles beyond boom and bust, **artists Molly Jochem and Kelly Sinclair** engage Malakoff Diggins as a complex, living landscape. The artists' webpages can be viewed at: mollyjochem.com and cargocollective.com/kellysinclair.

The works in the exhibit unsettle colonial attitudes that have maintained Gold Rush mythologies through the preservation of an extracted landscape and ethnocentric history frozen in time. Molly and Kelly's field-based paintings encounter the Diggins as a place engaged in processes of decomposition and recomposition, decay, and regeneration, erosion, and re-growth. *The Diggins are Alive!* opens other ways into an extracted landscape, unearthing and acknowledging layers of life — indigenous Nisenan, native plants both surviving and lost, and animal communities, banished and returned — beneath the indelible scar gouged by the beginning stages of the global extractive economy.

The paintings and associated media of *The Diggins Are Alive!* will be on display at the North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center with limited open hours or by appointment through August. Come join the conversation of *The Diggins Are Alive!* Mondays and Wednesdays 12–4 pm. To make an appointment, call 265-2816 or email ncsc@nccn.net.

For more information visit: www.northcolumbiaschoolhouse.org/art-lives-at-the-schoolhouse/



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By Karla, Dave, and Dawn, IVO

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The weather is beautiful, and summer is in full bloom. We are meeting Sierra County's COVID-19 requirements. Thank you for helping us comply by wearing face coverings when you enter the Outpost. We are complying to keep our communities safe and to survive economically. Thank you for your understanding, and let's all enjoy getting back outdoors. See you for a soft serve soon!

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Remembering Former Camptonville Teacher Diana Malley

March 27, 1942–June 27, 2020

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Diana Malley mothered every child she ever met. Throughout the 1980s and 90s, she made her Camptonville School classroom a safe haven and welcoming space for every child who entered there. It was always an equal opportunity place to get a hug if you needed one. Of course, there were the 3-Rs and standard curriculum, but Mrs. Malley's basic philosophy was simple – children need to feel safe and loved in order to learn, and children learn best by doing. Hands on projects and group learning were a constant in her classroom.

After a brave struggle with cancer, Diana died at home this past June 27th surrounded by family and friends. With her mind and spirit present to the end but her body disappearing around her, we sought ways to surround her with symbols of what had centered and guided her life. There was music, flowers from her garden, and pictures of kids – children biological and adopted, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces and nephews, and, of course, her beloved four-legged companions as well. But for me, the most moving objects were the two quilts that covered her. They so clearly represented the lives she had touched in her classroom at Camptonville School where I first met her and where both quilts had been made by successive K/1 classes.

The first was an ABC quilt made by her K/1 class in the 1998-99 school year (see the class list in the next column). The second was a Mother Goose themed quilt made the following year, 1999-2000. These quilts, and especially the second one, are so evocative to me of what Diana held to be most important in the classroom – active, creative projects, and interpersonal connections. She believed deeply in the value of what children learned from each other and always fostered opportunities for that kind of learning. The Mother Goose quilt was a collaboration between students in her K/1 class and their cross-age tutors in the 6, 7, 8th grade class. On each block they drew pictures of nursery rhymes from Humpty Dumpty to Hickory, Dickory, Dock. One of those ABC quilt block makers is now our 6, 7, 8th grade teacher, Daiquiri Aplington. One of those cross-age tutors is now on the school board – Lydia Miyasato. If you were one of those quilt makers and Diana Malley touched your young life, know that the love and energy flowed both ways. You surrounded her with strength and courage at the end of her journey.

These two quilts will be on display at Camptonville School in the new school year as a memorial to Diana Malley's 20 years as a teacher there. Keith Malley has a fund raiser on his Facebook page for *Doctors Without Borders* in Diana's name, if you wish to honor her memory. Also, the family would like to publicly thank Joey Kelsey for his generous willingness and amazing craftsmanship in making Diana's all natural casket – not a nail, hinge, or screw, and absolutely beautiful! Thank you, Joey!



The Mother Goose Quilt



Students Who Made Mrs. Malley's Quilts

Mother Goose Quilt 1999-2000 School Year

Skyler (K) / Steve (7)
Jacob (K) / Kyle (7)
Emily (K) / Lydia M (8)
Alex (K) / Aleta (7)
Reese (K) / Trisha (7)
Joseph (K) / Lydia O (8)
Sierra (K) / Erica G (6)
Aubriel (K) / Sierra (6)
Jonathan (1st) / Andy (6)
Micheal W (1st) / Andrew (6)
Dakota (1st) / Heather (7)

Micheal D (1st) / Austin (7)
Talon (1st) / Kitty (6)
Harry (1st) / Cameron
Tyler (1st) / Amanda (7)

ABC Quilt

1998-1999 School Year
Kindergarteners from
Mother Goose Quilt (now
as 1st graders) and
Ty, Krista, Zack, Bailey,
Savanna, Daiquiri, Briana,
Heather, Kenny, Natasha



Monkey Mind – Where Do We Go From Here?

By Jesse Golden

The *monkey mind* is a term sometimes used by the Buddha to describe the agitated, easily distracted, and incessantly moving behavior of ordinary human consciousness. As an ordinary human afflicted with monkey mind, I offer these thoughts for August.

Last month in this column, I wrote about personal experiences related to racism and the civil rights movement. Why bring up such an uncomfortable topic? How does it relate to life in a small town in the Sierra foothills?

I've seen that many people in Camptonville share some important values, including: if you make a mess, clean it up; in relating to others, be kind and respectful; when you see injustice, act to counter it; suggest solutions rather than just complaining about problems.

It's these values that can inform our thinking about racism and social justice. The mess that is racism, targeted against black people in particular, needs cleaning up; white people, the people who made the mess and in some ways benefit from the mess, should be proactive in this cleanup.

What is it that we, here in Camptonville, can do? I started with learning to learn more, taking advantage of the large amount of literature and media available on this topic. I've found that, although I thought I was knowledgeable about racism, there's so much I didn't know or hadn't thought about.

Another thing I'm choosing to do is to bring up the topic with other people, because I see the importance of breaking the silence on this issue. This usually feels uncomfortable, but I'm finding that many people are eager for thoughtful discussion.

There are many opportunities for action beyond the personal. For example, we can communicate with state and local officials to address police violence targeting people of color, including prevention and appropriate levels of funding. We can examine local and regional policies with a focus on how historically disadvantaged groups are affected. We can offer education in our schools, museums, and public forums that include acknowledgement of racism and its effects.

Whether or not we each experience racism on a daily basis, we know it's there. If we're guided by the ethic of kindness and respect, let's act for better lives for ALL of us.

The title "Where do we go from here" echoes recent discussions of the same name, including an Oprah Winfrey-facilitated forum available on Youtube and an article in the Sacramento News and Review by Addie Ellis.

Want to discuss? Email monkeymindthecolumn@gmail.com or message [@monkeymindthecolumn](https://www.facebook.com/monkeymindthecolumn) on Facebook.

Local Blogs – Continued from Page 2

• **Margaret Parker Brown: Yuba Gold – Art and Creativity with a Touch of Nature.**

<https://yubagold.wordpress.com/2020/07/>

Margaret is a self-taught artist who lives in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. In this artist blog she shares her art and painting, photos of what she has experienced while outdoors, and what she has been thinking about or discovering lately. She is within 10 minutes of the Yuba River, which is her muse and love. July 2020 Blog: "Happy Independence Day!"

• **Shirley Dickard: A California Landscape of Women, Words, and Wonder.** www.shirleydickard.com

In this blog, Shirley gathers thoughts on eco-fiction, the changing environment, feminism, writing, the Sierra, her recently-published eco-novel *Heart Wood*, and more.

July 18th, 2020 Blog: "Where will the sea first enter San Francisco?" – the first in a series of "Behind the Scenes of *Heart Wood*."

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Fish Eaters!

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly, northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com


In these days of environmental uncertainty, it is with relief and joy that I watch the wildlife return to our river. It is wonderful to see this local ecosystem still intact and thriving. The river has warmed up, the water level is quite low, and the flow rate has dropped to 219 cfs. This has made it a lot easier for a variety of fish eaters to catch their prey.

A wide variety of wildlife eats the fish in our river. The fish are preyed on during all stages of their life cycle, from eggs to adults. Their predators range from tiny dragonfly nymphs to large black bears! For some species of wildlife, fish make up more than 90% of their diet. For other species, fish are just one of their food sources. The most commonly seen fish in the North Yuba River are coastal rainbow trout. They are native to California, but have been planted locally by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. There are also non-native German brown trout that swim up from Bullard's Bar Reservoir to spawn. Occasionally you might also see a non-native brook trout that has flowed out from a higher elevation lake during the high water of spring.


Ospreys, great blue herons, common mergansers, belted kingfishers, American minks, river otters, and Sierra garter snakes all eat the fish in the North Yuba River. 99% of the osprey's diet is fish. In the summer, most other fish eaters will also eat aquatic insects, crayfish, frogs, mollusks, birds, plants, and even small mammals. Some hunt at night, and some hunt during the day. The main idea is to not become a meal while eating a meal! It's amazing that the "fish eaters" can survive in the wild. The competition must be fierce out there!



Photo by Katie O'Hara-Kelly



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BOAT RENTALS

Virtual Services at the TNF

By Michele Woods, Administrative Support Assistant, TNF

All Tahoe National Forest (TNF) offices are closed to in-person visits and are implementing virtual services to protect the health and safety of employees and the public during the COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with guidance from federal and state authorities.

- **Online Services:** Many services traditionally offered in our public offices are available online at: www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe/. We will continue to update our website with current virtual service information as conditions change. To email the Tahoe National Forest, please use the 'Contact Us' function on our website: www.fs.usda.gov/contactus/tahoe/about-forest/contactus.

- **The following services are available online:** California Campfire Permits, California Residential Burn Permit, Annual or Lifetime Federal Recreation Pass (including all Senior Passes), Forest Maps, and TNF merchandise.
- **Updated phone numbers for local TNF Offices:** (All area code 530) Tahoe National Forest Supervisors Office (Nevada City): 265-4531; **Yuba River Ranger District Office (Camptonville): 362-8259;** Truckee Ranger District Office: 536-0417; Sierraville Ranger District Office: 430-7093; and American River Ranger District Office (Foresthill): 492-5631.

Check the website for current information on which campgrounds are open and other recreation activities.



Campfires Restricted in the TNF

It is forbidden to have campfires outside of developed recreation sites (such as official campgrounds with fire rings). Fire restriction patrols are frequently conducted; punishment could mean up to \$5,000 in fines or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

How to be Safe with Campfires

Beverly Cameron-Fildes, YWP&FSC



Remember that your campfires need to be in approved fire rings or grills (check the local campfire restrictions). Always monitor your fire while cooking and NEVER, NEVER leave it unattended. When you do leave, test that your fire ashes are DEAD cold. Firefighters have recently found a number of campfires left still smoldering after the campers left.

A smoldering fire is a danger!

What DMV Services are Available Online?

Submitted by the California Department of Motor Vehicles

Q: I am over 70 and need to renew my license, but I cannot get to the DMV before my renewal date. What can I do?

A: Currently, the DMV is providing an automatic one-year extension to Californians age 70 and older with a noncommercial driver license with an expiration date between March 1 and December 31, 2020. This action delays the requirement for this population to visit a DMV office during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q: Can I get my REAL ID using the DMV's online services?

A: An in-person field office visit is still required to get your REAL ID. The federal government extended the REAL ID enforcement date to October 1, 2021. To best prepare for your DMV visit, you can still upload your documents and fill out your application at: realid.dmv.ca.gov. More details can be found at: dmv.ca.gov. You may renew an expiring license online and get a REAL ID later.

Q: If there are no appointments available right now, what can I do if I have to do a DMV transaction that requires an office visit?

A: The DMV has begun rescheduling appointments canceled during the temporary closure and notifying customers of the new date. The DMV is streamlining its processes to limit the time customers spend at an office. Customers are encouraged to fill out the online application and upload their documents before coming to the office. The DMV also provides essential services to its customers via mail, online, kiosks, its call center at (800) 777-0133, and available business partners. As of April 2, 2020, the DMV offers services through its Virtual Office that includes title transfers, vehicle registration renewals, duplicate title, temporary driver license extension, among other transactions that would have otherwise required an office visit. Visit www.dmv.ca.gov for a full list of online services.

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HELP & HOPE

For EmergenciesFirst Call 911

(All area codes are 530 unless specified)

CA Rural Legal Assistance (Yuba Co) ----- 742-5191
Camptonville:

- AA ----- 288-1001
- Community Center Information ----- 288-5016
- Elementary School ----- 288-3277
- Post Office ----- 288-3348
- Resource Center (CCP) ----- 288-9355
- USFS (Yuba River Ranger District) ----- 288-3231
- Vol. Fire Department ----- 288-3303

CoRR (Community Recovery Resources) ----- 273-9541

Domestic Violence:

- Casa de Esperanza Hot Line (Yuba Co) --- 674-2040
- DVSAC Crisis Line (Nevada Co) ----- 272-3467

KNCO 830 AM (Nevada Co) ----- 477-5626

KUBA 1600 AM (Yuba Co) ----- 673-5400

KVMR 89.5 FM (Nevada Co) ----- 265-9555

Legal Center for Seniors (Yuba) ----- 742-8289

Mental Health 24 hr Crisis Line (Yuba Co) --- 673-8255

NAMI -Support for Mental Illness ----- 272-4566

OES - Office of Emergency Services (Yuba Co) 749-7520

PG&E Outage Line ----- 800-743-5000

Red Cross of NE California ----- 673-1460

Road Conditions CalTrans ----- 800-427-7623

Sheriff (Yuba Co)

- Emergency ----- 911
- Non-Emergency ----- 749-7777

Supervisor Randy Fletcher (Yuba Co) ----- 749-7510

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Colossal Clothes-A-Rama – Wednesdays

By Diana Pasquini, San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center

The San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center is holding a CLOTHES-A-RAMA clothing giveaway for the entire family, in the Oak Tree Lodge on Wednesdays, 9 am–1 pm. Face coverings and gloves are required (we are happy to provide them). Children must be with their adult at all times. The playground will not be open. Please call 292-3171 to verify it is not closed due to COVID-19.

Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills

The Foothill Food Pantry:

Lake Francis Grange in Dobbins

Thursdays 12–1:30 pm

(Except we're closed the week of USDA distributions)

August 6, 20, 27

September 3, 17, 24



The USDA Commodities Food Bank

Located at Willow Glen Restaurant, Oregon House

The 2nd Friday: 9–10 am

August 14 and September 11

Distributed by The Gleaners.

Also in Nevada County:

Food Bank, North San Juan Community Center

For schedule: phone 272-3796



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The Diggins Are Alive! Art Show

Through August, at the North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center
 More information on page 6

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Planning an Event?

Check the Online Community Calendar for open dates (www.camptonville.com)
 and get your event posted early to avoid possible conflicts!

AUGUST 2020 Community Calendar

The Camptonville Calendar and Courier Archives are online **IN COLOR** at Camptonville.com.

To add local events to the calendar, send an invitation from your electronic calendar or email: calendarville@gmail.com
 with event information, or leave a message for Jesse Golden at 288-5016.

Due to the unknown status of COVID restrictions, always verify that event is being held before attending.

- August 1 – Gardeners’ Market Begins (pg 3)**
- August 11 – Kindergarten Round-Up, 1–3 pm (call 288-3277)**
- August 12 – First Day of School (pg 1)**
- August 20 – 1, 2, 3 Grow - tentative opening (pg 3)**
- All August – "The Diggins are Alive!" Art Show, NSJ (pg 6)**



On-Going MONTHLY Events

Call first to verify meeting times before attending

- CCP Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 3 pm
 CV Resource Center. Contact: 288-9355
- CCSD Board** - Meets 4th Thursday, 6:30 pm in summer,
 at the CCC. Contact: 288-3676
- School Board** - Meets 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, at CV School
 Call to confirm: 288-3277
- USDA Food Bank** - 2nd Friday, Oregon House (pg 11)
- NSJ Food Bank** - North San Juan Center (Info on pg 11)

On-Going WEEKLY Events

(CCC = Camptonville Community Center)

- Tuesdays:** Community Lunch, 12–1 pm, NSJ Center (on hold)
 Yoga, 10 am, CCC - outside in back
 Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6–9 pm, Fire Hall
- Wednesdays:** Clothes-A-Rama, 9 am-1 pm, Oak Tree Lodge, (pg 11)
- Thursdays:** Yoga, 10 am, CCC - outside in back
 Foothill Food Pantry, Dobbins (Not 2nd week, see pg 11)
- Saturdays:** Coffee @ The Center and Gardeners' Market, 10 am to noon, CCC